

REMARKS

The Examiner has objected to the drawing and has required that the applicant correct the rightmost numeric 39. In a red-inked sketch the applicant has changed the rightmost numeric from "39" to -30- and has added a designator line thereto.

The Examiner has objected to disclosure of the specification because of the informality that there is no item 30 designated in Figs. 1-3 and has required correction thereto. The applicant has added -30- to Fig. 3 thereby showing the bar.

The Examiner has rejected claim 1 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claim 1 of U. S. Patent No. 6,189,899. The applicant has cancelled claim 1 and has added claim 2. The combination snowboard, binding and mount of claim 2 includes a new locking mechanism that is shown in Fig. 23.

The Examiner has rejected claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. Section 103(a) as being unpatentable over Gillis (U. S. Patent No. 5,433,636) in view of Harris (U. S. Patent No. 4,871,337). The applicant has cancelled claim 1 and has added claim 2. The applicant agrees contends that the combination snowboard, binding and mount of Gillis includes

a snowboard having a centerline with a channel, a binding base plate disposed on the snowboard, a disc body being rotatably coupled to the binding base plate and a locking mechanism for securing the disc and the base plate to the snowboard. The applicant also agrees that the combination of Harris includes a snowboard, a binding and a mount. The snowboard has a center-line. A channel longitudinally extends along the center-line of the snowboard. The snowboard also has a rail that is disposed in the channel and that is fixedly coupled thereto. The rail is a flexible member and has a key slot and two series of parallel notches. A disc is rotatably coupled to the binding base plate. A locking mechanism securely couples the rail to the disc. The binding of Harris does not include a binding base plate. The applicant respect

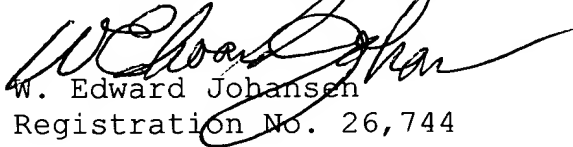
The applicant also respectfully contends that the combination of snowboard, binding and mount of claim 2 includes a snowboard, a rail, a binding base plate and a locking mechanism. The snowboard has a center-line and a channel that longitudinally extends along the center-line. The rail is disposed in the channel and is fixedly coupled thereto. The rail is a flexible member and has a key-slot and two series of parallel notches. The binding base plate is disposed on the snowboard. The disc is rotatably coupled

to the binding base plate. The locking mechanism securely couples the rail to the disc.

The Examiner has rejected claim 1 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over Carlson (U. S. Patent No. 6,189,899). The applicant has cancelled claim 1.

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